



**CATHOLIC PARENT INVOLVEMENT COMMITTEE
FACE-TO-FACE/TELECONFERENCE MEETING
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2016**

PRESENT: Deanna Cooper, St. Martin School
Katherine Speziale, St. Martin School
Karen Figliomeni, Holy Angels School
Jennifer Kruse, Teacher Rep
Crystal Gionette, Student and Community Engagement Lead
Pam Hardy, Student and Community Engagement Lead
Colleen Sheriff, Student and Community Engagement Lead
Shirley Jean, Trustee
Amanda Monks, Trustee
Jenni Scott-Marciski, St. Hilary School
Pina Luomala, Principal St. Joseph School
Lori Gamache, Our Lady of Fatima School
Kerry Desjardins, Principal St. Martin School
Tina Visintin, Superintendent of Education
Alexa McKinnon, Director of Education

Prayer

An opening prayer was led by Tina Visintin, Superintendent of Education.

Welcome & Introductions

Alexa McKinnon, Director of Education, welcomed everyone to the meeting and a roll call and introductions were made.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with no revisions/additions.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the CPIC meeting held on January 12, 2016 were approved as presented by Mandy Monks and seconded by Shirley Jean.

Parents Reaching out Grants (PRO)

- School Council PRO grants are due by Sunday, May 29, 2016. Priority will be given to proposals related to Math, FNMI, and/or Accepting Schools. There is a powerpoint in the package that can walk School Councils through the proposal process.
- Regional Grant for 2015-2016 has been a joint venture between Superior North CDSB/Superior Greenstone/Brass Bell. Proposals for 2016-2017 are due on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Please think about possibilities and the creation of a Regional sub-group will be discussed at our next meeting. Possible topics/presenters discussed were: the Arts (including Music), Self Esteem, Confidence, Respect & Resilience (Lori, Pam and Lilliana to further research this) and You Power by Sarah Westbrook.

OAPCE Annual Conference - May 6-7, 2016 (Toronto)

The following individuals put their names forward to attend this conference: Katherine Speziale, Karen Figliomeni, Crystal Gionette and Lori Gamache.

OAPCE Rep for Each School

The following individuals volunteered to be reps for the schools:

- Katherine Speziale for St. Martin School
- Karen Figliomeni for Holy Angels School
- Lori Gamache for Our Lady of Fatima
- Jenny Scott-Marciski for St. Hilary

Further contact will be made with Holy Saviour School, St. Joseph School, St. Edward School, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Brigid School to determine who their reps will be.

Minister's Regional CPIC Symposia - May 14, 2016 (Thunder Bay)

- The following members expressed interest in attending this symposium: Mandy Monks, Deanna Cooper, Lori Gamache, Kerry Desjardins, Alexa McKinnon, Jen Kruse. We will need to look into whether non-parent members of the CPIC can attend this conference.
- A Regional Teleconference will be held on March 23rd. Interested school council chairs are welcome to participate.

Student & Community Engagement Leads (SCEL's)

Pam, Colleen, and Crystal gave the following 2 month progress report:

- They have been doing orientation with the Ministry (e.g Jojo Guillet).
- Self ID pamphlet has been completed and sent home with the first term report card, outlining to parents/guardians the importance of self-id.
- They are working on building a rapport with our First Nation communities.
- Each school has been visited and a needs assessment was completed within each through observations and conversations with principal and/or staff.
- Baseline data surveys have been done and have been sent to all families.
- TRC needs to have First Nation committees established within the Board.
- FNMI Projects are just being looked at right now and they are looking at creation of a process chart to provide support in order to build capacity within the schools.
- Attendance at many professional development opportunities (e.g. NAM, Google, ASSIST Training Meeting with Tony Dileena, provincial attendance counsellor).
- Tabulating pre & post data from Walk a Mile film shown to all staffs (this cultural sensitivity training is now a condition of hire for our Board).
- Discussions on how we are going to protect our children and our system with the release of the new curriculum (we need to ensure safety for our students).
- As people become aware of this video we are wondering if we can bring this to our local high schools. (Alexa to talk to Dave Tamblyn)

Superintendent Leah Vanderwey Update

Leah was unavailable for the meeting but it was shared that Dr. Jean Clinton would be visiting our communities between May 9 - 12.

Superintendent Tina Visintin Update

- Tina has been visiting each of our school communities with the Relic of St. Faustina. Program and instructional materials have been provided to all schools. Our Lady of Fatima is the only school remaining and that will occur on March 2, 2016.
- Case Management has been each school's vehicle to address specific needs of the students identified within each classroom. This has caused a shift in attitude by educators and students as it focuses on the student work that will affect what happens in the classroom the next day. Robert Dunn is the lead for the Principal learning network and is supporting the leaders in developing these case management sessions and in their classroom visits in regards to what is happening at the student desk.
- Intermediate students from all 9 schools participated in a Google hangout on February 23rd with Toronto Catholic. They are learning about the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. They offered separate break out sessions for each school to work directly with a group from Toronto Catholic.

Director's Update

- Alexa and a team met with Tony Dileena regarding the attendance data for Superior North Catholic. Reminder that every school day counts and that our habitual absenteeism drastically reduces achievement. The provincial average for persistent absenteeism is 12.8% and the Thunder Bay district is currently at 21.6% (Superior North has 24.1% which is the 5th highest in the province). The team has created a visual for each school that highlights Attendance, Achievement (Report Card, EQAO) and Case Management students to determine the correlation between poor attendance and poor achievement.
- Director's Report, Strategic Plan, and Self-Identification Pamphlets were sent home with the students in the first term report cards.

Information Items

- Further discussions need to be had regarding the creation of a committee for Regional funding opportunities for 2016-2017.
- Parents Engaged in Education Newsletter was attached to package - please read.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Catholic Education Center or via Teleconference.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 pm